

## **CITY OF CARLSBAD**

### **PROPOSITION “C” OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS AD HOC CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **MEETING MINUTES September 1, 2006**

##### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Marty Montgomery, Chair, Dennis Villavicencio, Fred Sandquist, Leonard Martyns, Joel Altshul, and Sandra Cima

Absent: Carl Miller

Staff Members Present: Mike Grim, Senior Planner

Also Present: Jim Bolan, Facilitator

##### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHARTER NOTES:**

A motion was made and seconded, to approve the Minutes for June 2, 9, and 23, 2006. By a vote of 6-0, the minutes were approved as presented.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Chairperson Montgomery opened this Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Kasey Cinciarelli, 2727 Lions Court, Carlsbad asked about getting copies of emails between committee members regarding ranking criteria. She also mentioned that the reclamation plant project near the Sherman property would go slowly.

##### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA:**

Fred Sandquist noted that the quarry manager near the Sherman Property had stated that the channel near the falls would eventually be relocated and that the original flow was to the north and it had been redirected in the past.

Mr. Villavicencio noted that Diane Nygaard's recent article in the San Diego Union Tribune was a good source of information on El Salto Falls.

Mr. Grim commented that staff had distributed ranking criteria list during the previous meeting. Staff had collected committee members individual prioritized lists and compiled the top common priority items into an Open Space Ranking Criteria list. Staff distributed the criteria ranking list and Mr. Sandquist's Criteria comments. Mr. Grim stated that today's goal was to create a weighting system to each criteria item so that the committee members could

objectively analyze each property with a criteria ranking system. He wanted to finalize which items would be on the criteria list and ensure that members agree with the final list.

Mr. Sandquist discussed creating a ranking model with bonus points for property serving multiple purposes or higher quality habitat. Mr. Boylan asked if the committee wanted to establish a numerical bonus system.

There were eight items that several members had placed as high priority criteria: multiple purposes, native habitat, trail linkages, location within or adjacent to existing preserve system, open space connectivity, vacant land, fulfilling OSCRMP priorities, location within HMP focus planning area.

Dr. Martyns stated that he felt that willing seller, land management, and funding partnership potential should not be top priorities and should be classified as administrative considerations for the council and staff to follow up on.

Under the guidance of Facilitator, Jim Boylan, the committee narrowed down the ranking criteria items to the following:

- Serves Multiple Purposes.
- Contains Native Habitat.
- Provides Trail Linkages.
- Is within or adjacent to existing preserve system.
- Contains wildlife corridors.
- Provides Biological core linkage areas.
- Provides connectivity of open spaces.
- Is Within HMP Focus Planning Area.
- Type of Habitat land (e.g., riparian, wetland).
- Meets multiple open space priorities of the OSCRMP.
- Archaeological, historical, paleontological, or cultural significance.
- Rehabilitation requirements.
- Special or Unique considerations.

The committee members agreed to review the list and email staff with their recommendations for criteria weighting.

## **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

Mr. Grim reviewed the public outreach methods discussed in the previous meeting on August 18. He mentioned that the program was also modeled on the Agricultural Mitigation public outreach program. Chairperson Montgomery requested a term range for the public outreach program.

## **DISCUSSION OF TERM OF COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Grim suggested that, given the time needed to perform the public outreach program, review the properties, and make a final recommendation to City Council, the Committee would need to extend their term, set to sunset in October. The Committee discussed the item and requested that staff return with a proposed extension date.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**

Kasey Cinciarelli asked if the committee is charged with public outreach and stated that notifying and involving the public may slow down the process. Mr. Montgomery stated that the public may present available properties that the committee may not have been aware of. He stated that there may be properties adjacent to the HMP boundaries that are not on our list. Ms Cinciarelli stated that property owners would not offer their properties up for sale.

Mr. Grim noted that there is a civic duty to inform the public of projects involving the expenditure of public money.

Ms. Cinciarelli stated that she wanted copies of the emails between committee members to be made available before the meeting and that the copies should be made on double sided paper.

Chairman Montgomery noted that the public was not privy to private emails between committee members but that copies of all other information will be provided to the public before the meeting.

Diane Nygaard stated that there is a value to having the public coming forward to recommend their parcels. She felt that the public should not have to justify their properties by the ranking criteria. She noted that the public should be encouraged to come forward and recommend their favorite open spaces and leave the ranking process to the committee members. She noted that the MHCP wildlife corridor linkages should be given consideration in the ranking criteria.